

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114
Application No. 10/517,366
Attorney Docket No. 043001

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-10 are currently pending. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 3, 7 and 11-15 are cancelled.

Claims 1-6, 8-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or Nishizawa et al.

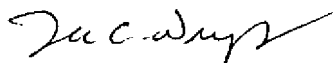
During a telephone interview conducted with Examiner Tran on September 27, 2007, the subject matter of claims 2, 3 and 12 was discussed. Examiner Tran agreed that the subject matter of claim 12 was allowable. The instant amendment incorporates the subject matter of claim 12 into claim 1. Additionally, claim 1 was clarified as requested by the Examiner.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of claims 1-2, 4-6 and 8-10 is neither taught by nor made obvious from the disclosures of Fujii et al in view of Koike et al or Nishizawa et al and it is requested that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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